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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 166,814 for the month of October, 2003. This figure represents a decrease of 9.16% as compared to October, 2002.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Percent of Inc/Dec. From 10 /02</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	83,096	-10.7%	49.8%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	67,851	-8.6%	40.7%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	4,237	0.7%	2.5%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	11,630	-3.8%	7.0%
<i>Totals:</i>	166,814		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2003 has totaled 1,627,568 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 9% as compared to 2002. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 74,860,000 vehicles have crossed the structure. If trends continue the 75,000,000 vehicle is expected to cross later this month. 75,000,000 vehicles placed bumper to bumper would reach around the Earth twelve times.

Sincerely,

International Bridge Administration

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